

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to limit the invention to a wrist watch and to include the power down feature of Claim 8, which has been cancelled. Claim 8, previously dependent on Claim 1, was rejected as being unpatentable over Treyz in view of Kushita. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Treyz is directed primarily to an alarm clock. Kushita is directed primarily to a pager. Neither is concerned with a wrist watch, which has unique space and power limitations. Treyz has no expressed concern about power limitations because the alarm clock of Treyz is typically plugged into a household power supply. The device of Treyz is contemplated as having a myriad of features including a telephone handset, buttons and knobs that provide various on-screen options, Internet radio, etc. (see, for example, the Abstract).

Treyz mentions a variety of devices, some portable, in which his invention could be used. However, given the many power consuming features of Treyz, one having ordinary skill in the art would not be concerned about powering down such a minor feature as a time synchronization query transmitter. Although this is a major concern in a wrist watch, it not an issue in Treyz. So, one would not look to the pager of Kushita for a solution to a problem that is not recognized in Treyz.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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